

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 072211  
ORIGIN COME-00

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 EB-08 USIA-06 /025 R

DRAFTED BY COM/BED/CAGNE/JBHEARN  
APPROVED BY EB/OCA/CD:WERAU  
COM/BED/CAGNE/PHALE  
STATE/NEA/ARPXJZIOLKOWSKI (PHONE)  
NEA/RA/DMORRISON (PHONE)

-----073818 211923Z /53

R 211735Z MAR 78  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
AMEMBASSY MANAMA  
INFO AMEMBASSY DOHA  
AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 072211

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS:BEXP, XF

SUBJECT: TRADE FAIRS: VISA POLICIES AFFECTING U.S.  
PARTICIPANTS

1. ISSUE HAS BEEN RAISED RE BAHRAIN VISA POLICY IN  
CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED PARTICIPATION BY STATE OF PENN-  
SYLVANIA IN ARABBUILD 78, TO BE STAGED BY UK FIRM ARABIAN  
EXHIBITION MANAGEMENT (AEM) IN BAHRAIN. IN VIEW AEM'S  
PLANS FOR FUTURE FAIRS BAHRAIN, AND LIKELY PARTICIPATION  
BY U.S. FIRMS, IT IMPORTANT THAT WE GET CONFIRMATION OF  
WHAT WE BELIEVE ARE BAHRAIN VISA PRACTICES. ISSUE ALSO OF  
INTERBST TO UAE IN VIEW OF NUMEROUS FAIRS STAGED THERE BY  
UK FIRM FAIRS AND EXHIBITIONS LTD.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 072211

2. ON LEARNING OF STATE OF PA PLANS TO PARTICIPATE ARAB-  
BUILD 78, DIRECTOR OF PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF ANTI-  
DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH CALLED GOVERNOR SHAPP TO  
REGISTER OBJECTION OF PENNSYLVANIA PARTICIPATING IN FAIR  
BECAUSE BAHRAIN DISCRIMINATES AGAINST JEWS TRAVELING TO THAT  
COUNTRY. FOLLOWING UP ON GOVERNOR'S UNDERTAKING TO  
INVESTIGATE AND RESPOND, PA. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ASKED STATE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS EXPERIENCE THIS REGARD.

3. STATE DEPARTMENT PROVIDED PA. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WITH FOLLOWING STATEMENT QUOTE IN THE RECOLLECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE GOVERNMENT OF BAHRAIN HAS NOT DISCRIMINATED ON THE BASIS OF RELIGION AGAINST ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN TRAVELING TO BAHRAIN. IN THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPERIENCE, AMERICAN CITIZENS OF THE JEWISH FAITH HAVE VISITED BAHRAIN AND BEEN RECEIVED AT HIGH LEVELS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR. THERE ARE BAHRAINI CITIZENS OF THE JEWISH FAITH; SOME OF THEM ARE PROMINENT IN THE COUNTRY'S BUSINESS AND SOCIAL LIFE UNQUOTE.

4. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT UAE SIMILARLY DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING THERE ON BASIS OF RELIGION. WE ARE AWARE THAT NEITHER COUNTRY REQUIRES AMERICAN CITIZENS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON RELIGION AS PART OF VISA APPLICATION. IN ORDER THAT WE CAN DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH ANY FUTURE ALLEGATIONS SUCH AS ABOVE, WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' CONFIRMATION THAT U.S. PARTICIPANTS IN FAIRS IN BAHRAIN AND UAE WILL NOT ENCOUNTER

DISCRIMINATION ON BASIS OF RELIGION IN OBTAINING ENTRY VISAS. VANCE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 21 mar 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978STATE072211  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** BED/CAGNE/JBHEARN  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780124-0931  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** STATE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780341/aaaabivz.tel  
**Line Count:** 85  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** ed2961c0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ORIGIN COME  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 05 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3252845  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** TRADE FAIRS: VISA POLICIES AFFECTING U.S. PARTICIPANTS  
**TAGS:** BEXP, XF  
**To:** ABU DHABI MANAMA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/ed2961c0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014